

The 'Other' Cup Final

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While many people were enjoying the F.A. Cup Final at the 'New Wembley', Avon Scouts were holding their annual five-a-side football tournament at the Imperial Ground, Brislington.

On Saturday 19th May, Beavers and Cub Scouts were taking part in the respective competition; on Sunday 20th May, Scouts, Explorers and Network Scouts would be holding their tournament.

The 175th Bristol (Totterdown Methodist) Cub Scouts were hoping for a good cup run. As the team progressed to the second round, some impressive results had been achieved. In the second round, despite losing a match 2 - 0, they were 'over the moon' to reach the quarter finals. A hard fought game went to extra time and the inevitable penalties; the goal keeper and the scorers were brilliant - and the semi-final was the next 'goal'.

Now the tension was building - could we go further or to say 'Well Done' for having got as far as this?

An excellent game took place and the cubs achieved a narrow victory - and we were in the Final! We were at least assured of a medal and the runners up cup.

The previous games had been four minutes each half; the final was now seven minutes each half. End to end football, shots at goal, great enthusiasm - alas we conceded a goal and the tired legs could not score the equaliser. The lads were not downhearted and received their medals and the runner-up cup from Neil Salter, County Commissioner.

There was a further award to Laurie Cooper for the best player of the cub scout competition. This award was made by the referees for the best cub of the tournament. A big thank you to:

LAURIE
BILLY
JACK
GEORGE
HARRY
&
JAKE

for giving of their best in the tournament; and also thanks to the parents who supported us during the day.

Finally, many thanks to Chris Giles and his team of support staff, caterers and referees who made the whole day such a great event. Many people commented on the smooth operation to organise and run the weekend events.

Further events are taking place in scouting's centenary year of 2007. See the Bristol South and Avon Scouts web sites.